

**September 29, 2010**

*Previous Office Closed After Flooding, Forcing Residents to Newport for Services*

**WASHINGTON, DC** -Last Week, U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) called on United States Postal Service (USPS) Postmaster General John E. Potter to expedite the approval process for a new or temporary Post Office in Middleville, NY. The previous office was forced to close because of flood damage, diverting postal operations for the village to Newport, NY.

"For those in the village, particularly the senior population, the post office is a gathering place and connection to other parts of the county, state and country," **said Arcuri**. "The rural nature of that part of Herkimer County, coupled with the lack of any means of public transportation, presents true difficulties for the many seniors in Middleville who utilize and depend on post office services, especially with winter fast approaching. It is my hope that the Postmaster General will expedite the approval process to ensure a new or temporary post office can be established as quickly as possible."

Last week, Arcuri's office was informed by the Albany District Office of the USPS that an alternate site for the Middleville post office had been selected and was going through the review and approval process. In the letter sent on September 23, 2010, Arcuri requests that Postmaster General Potter expedite the approval process, which is currently at the Vice Presidential level and awaiting final determination by USPS Headquarters, to ensure a new or temporary post office is established as quickly as possible.

Heavy rains on July 23, 2010 cause the West Canada Creek to swell, flooding the Village of Middleville and damaging many buildings including the village hall, which houses the village offices, courts, library and the post office. The building was condemned, forcing the post office to close and divert postal operations for the village to the Newport post office, approximately 5 miles away.

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